

**Staff Jurisdiction Analysis Summary
City of Mendota, Fresno County
2007-09 CalRecycle Jurisdiction Review Cycle
July 2012**

Based upon the independent review of diversion program implementation conducted by the Jurisdiction and Product Compliance Unit (JPCU), the City is now adequately implementing its SRRE and HHWE diversion program plans.

Having an unemployment rate of approximately 40% has suppressed the economy and resulted in less waste generation in recent years. However, the jurisdiction has moved ahead with improvements to key components of diversion program infrastructure and implementation. The jurisdiction now has a comprehensive education and outreach program. Rates have been set to encourage recycling. Waste assessments are done on an ongoing basis to help businesses keep costs down.

Key activities:

- **Residential:** The City has an all-inclusive mandatory residential program where all residents pay for service and with an approximate average 75% participation rate. The City alternates collection of recyclables and greenwaste weekly (96 gallon containers). This program is enforced by a City ordinance whereby a code enforcement officer provides warning notices for non-compliance.

In July 2011, the City completed the implementation of the mandatory multifamily program. Also, the Housing Authority (HA) now has a 90% participation rate and a new manager who is supportive of the program and has successfully increased resident participation. A City recycling coordinator works with the HA to ensure the continued success of this program.

- **Commercial:** The City has a local ordinance requiring businesses to recycle. In May 2011, City Council adopted an ordinance requiring businesses to use all-in-one rates to pay for both trash and recycling. In July 2011, the hauler completed citywide distribution of commercial recycling containers. There is no exemption to service and all businesses are required to participate in the City's recycling program. The City continues to conduct waste assessments and provide business assistance. Additionally, labor camps have fully implemented recycling programs. Also, all five of the schools have recycling service.
- **C&D:** All C&D projects divert at least 50% of material and the City's Public Works Department continues to reuse asphalt and concrete for alley and in canal construction projects.

- **Events:** The hauler has provided education and outreach at 10 different events in Mendota over the past year. The City requires permits for special events to incorporate recycling requirements. The City also conducts HHW diversion and waste tire collection events to properly manage these waste streams.

Follow-up Assistance: LAMD staff will continue to monitor and work with the City to refine its diversion programs, especially its residential, commercial and multifamily diversion programs. Staff will also work with the City to ensure that all of the Fresno Housing Authority's Mendota residents have opportunities to divert mixed recyclables and greenwaste.